

ORDER

SPECIAL CLOSURE

WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST

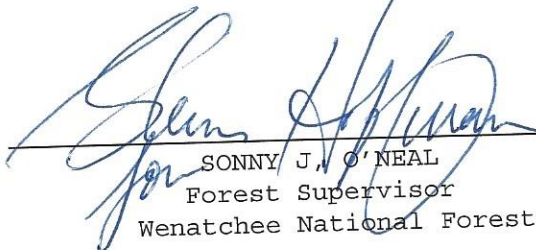
Under the authority granted me by 36 CFR 261.50(a), the following act is prohibited within the Wenatchee National Forest on the Leavenworth Ranger District until further notice.

- (1) Using any motorized vehicle within the ski area boundaries of Mission Ridge Ski Area and Leavenworth Ski Hill. 36 CFR 261.56

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following exemptions apply:

- (1) Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- (2) Forest Service Administrative Use
- (3) Persons with a written permit from the Forest Supervisor or District Ranger

Done at Wenatchee, Washington this 30 day of March, 1994<sup>5</sup>

  
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SONNY J. O'NEAL  
Forest Supervisor  
Wenatchee National Forest

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$ 5,000. or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months or both.  
Title 16 USC Section 551.

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## JUSTIFICATION

Both Leavenworth Ski Hill and Mission Ridge Ski Area previously had area closures to motorized vehicle. These closures were inadvertently cancelled when the Forest consolidated Orders several years ago. The need for a motorized vehicle closure still exist at both ski areas.

The intrusion of snowmobiles at Mission Ridge is a continuing problem. The Leavenworth Ski Hill has off season problems with 4x4's and motor bikes running on there slopes. Both types of use are very damaging to the resources. Indiscriminate motorize use can be very dangerous when mixed with the skiing public. The ruts and holes left by motorized use damage the investment of slope grooming as well as present a hazard to the skiers.

This order is a necessary tool in managing this type of use on National Forest land. This will give credibility to the Information and education program that is already in place and jointly managed by the Forest Service, Chelan County Sheriff Dept., Mission Ridge Ski Area and Leavenworth Ski Hill.

# ENFORCEMENT PLAN

The areas will be posted on boundaries where violations might occur.

The local snowmobile clubs will be contacted.

The areas will be patrolled by the Ski Areas with backup by county and Forest.

Public will be informed through posters, signs, bulletin boards, and:

- Forest Recreation Report

- Local news release

- Radio Recreation Report

- On site signing

Enforcement will be through the dissemination of information and if necessary the issuing of NOV's.